

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

[PERFECTED]

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1680

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS (Sponsor), DAY, BRATTIN,  
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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 620.515, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the Show-Me heroes program.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 620.515, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 620.515, to read as follows:

620.515. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "[Hero at Home] **Show-Me Heroes**" program, the purpose of which is to:

(1) Assist the spouse of an active duty national guard or reserve component service member reservist **and active duty United States military personnel** to address immediate needs and employment in an attempt to keep the family from falling into poverty while the primary income earner is on active duty, and during the one-year period following discharge from deployment; and

(2) Assist returning national guard troops or reserve component service member reservists **and recently separated United States military personnel** with finding work in situations where an individual needs to rebuild business clientele or where an individual's job has been eliminated while such individual was deployed, or where the individual otherwise cannot return to his or her previous employment.

2. Subject to appropriation, the department of economic development shall operate the [hero at home] **Show-Me heroes** program through existing programs [or by entering into a

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15 contract with qualified providers through local workforce investment boards]. Eligibility for the  
16 program shall be based on the following criteria:

17 (1) Eligible participants in the program shall be those families where:

18 (a) The primary income earner was called to active duty in defense of the United States  
19 for a period of more than four months;

20 (b) The family's primary income is no longer available;

21 (c) The family is experiencing significant hardship due to financial burdens; and

22 (d) The family has no outside resources available to assist with such hardships;

23 (2) Services that may be provided to the family will be aimed at ameliorating the  
24 immediate crisis and providing a path for economic stability while the primary income is not  
25 available due to the active military commitment. Services shall be made available up to one year  
26 following discharge from deployment. Services may include, but not be limited to the following:

27 (a) Financial assistance to families facing financial crisis from overdue bills [due to  
28 reduced income after the deployment of a spouse];

29 (b) Help paying day care costs to pursue training and or employment;

30 (c) Help covering the costs of transportation to training and or employment;

31 (d) Vocational evaluation and vocational counseling to help the individual choose a  
32 visible employment goal;

33 (e) Vocational training to acquire or upgrade skills needed to be marketable in the  
34 workforce;

35 (f) Paid internships and subsidized employment to train on the job; and

36 (g) Job placement assistance for those who don't require skills training[;

37 (3) The department shall ensure the eligible providers are:

38 (a) community-based not-for-profit agencies which have significant experience in job  
39 training, placement, and social services;

40 (b) Providers with extensive experience providing such services to veterans and  
41 implementing contracts with veteran organizations such as the department of veteran affairs;

42 (c) Providers which have attained the distinction of being accredited through a national  
43 accreditation body for training and or human services;

44 (d) Providers which are able to provide a twenty percent match to the program either  
45 through indirect or direct expenditures; and

46 (e) Providers with experience in the regions targeted for the program].

47 3. The department shall structure any contract such that payment will be based on  
48 delivering the services described in this section as well as performance to guarantee the greatest  
49 possible effectiveness of the program.

50           4. [Because of the important nature of this program to the health and welfare of  
51       Missourians, this section shall become effective on July 1, 2006. The department shall make  
52       every reasonable effort to ensure that the hero at home program is serving families by August 1,  
53       2006] **The department shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section.**  
54       **Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created**  
55       **under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with**  
56       **and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028.**  
57       **This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the**  
58       **general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to**  
59       **disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of**  
60       **rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2012, shall be**  
61       **invalid and void.**

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